

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TAMPA BAY AREA - RUSKIN FL
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..RECORD COLD TEMPERATURES POSSIBLE FOR THE NEXT FEW NIGHTS:

AFTER FOUR WEEKS OF RATHER WARM WEATHER, OLD MAN WINTER HAS MADE A RETURN. THE FIRST COLD FRONT MOVED THROUGH THE REGION TUESDAY DROPPING TEMPERATURES INTO THE 30S AND 40S WEDNESDAY MORNING UNDER PARTLY CLOUDY SKIES. SKIES WILL BECOME MOSTLY CLEAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND WINDS ARE EXPECTED TO BECOME LIGHT LEADING TO GOOD RADIATIONAL COOLING. THIS WILL ALLOW TEMPERATURES TO FALL INTO THE UPPER 20S ACROSS THE NATURE COAST AND INTO THE 30S SOUTHWARD ACROSS A GOOD PORTION OF INLAND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.

A SECONDARY SURGE OF MODIFIED ARCTIC AIR IS FORECAST TO MOVE INTO THE REGION LATE THURSDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHT. DURING THURSDAY NIGHT AND EARLY FRIDAY MORNING NORTHERLY WINDS ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN BETWEEN 7 AND 15 MPH, EXCEPT HIGHER NEAR THE COAST AND IN THE VICINITY OF LAKES, WHICH WILL BRING IN MORE COLD DRY AIR. DEW POINTS ARE EXPECTED TO FALL INTO THE TEENS TO LOWER 30S AND THIS WILL LEAD TO A POTENTIAL ADVECTIVE FREEZE ACROSS MUCH OF THE NATURE COAST SOUTH INTO EASTERN HILLSBOROUGH AND WESTERN POLK COUNTIES. FURTHER SOUTH, TEMPERATURES ARE EXPECTED TO FALL INTO THE MIDDLE AND UPPER 30S AWAY FROM THE COAST AS FAR SOUTH AS CHARLOTTE AND EASTERN LEE COUNTIES. ALSO, WITH THE WINDS REMAINING BETWEEN 7 AND 15 MPH THE WIND CHILL VALUES WILL BE DOWN IN THE TEENS AND 20S.

THE NEXT NIGHT, FRIDAY NIGHT, LOOKS EVEN COLDER WITH WINDS BECOMING LIGHT UNDER CLEAR SKIES. TEMPERATURES FRIDAY NIGHT INTO SATURDAY MORNING ARE EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT 20 TO 25 DEGREES BELOW NORMAL WITH READINGS FALLING INTO THE LOWER AND MID 20S ACROSS THE NATURE COAST AND UPPER 20S TO LOWER 30S STRETCHING SOUTHWARD INTO INLAND PORTIONS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA. IF THESE TEMPERATURES OCCUR THEY WILL BE SIMILAR TO JANUARY 3, 2008. THE COMBINATION OF CLEAR SKIES AND LIGHT WINDS WILL ALSO LEAD TO A POTENTIAL FROST ACROSS MUCH OF REGION.

RESIDENTS OF WEST CENTRAL AND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, ESPECIALLY THOSE AWAY FROM THE COAST, SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PROTECT VEGETATION AND PETS EACH NIGHT THROUGH SATURDAY. PROLONGED TEMPERATURES NEAR OR BELOW FREEZING MAY SEVERELY DAMAGE SENSITIVE VEGETATION, AND CAN BE HARMFUL TO PETS. IN ADDITION, IF YOU PLAN ON BEING OUTDOORS LATE EACH NIGHT INTO THE EARLY MORNING HOURS BE SURE TO BUNDLE UP AND DRESS IN LAYERS. IF YOU PLAN ON USING SPACE HEATERS PLEASE REMEMBER THEY CAN BE A FIRE HAZARD, AND YOU SHOULD KEEP LINENS, BLANKETS, CURTAINS, AND OTHER FLAMMABLES AWAY FROM THE HEATER AT ALL TIMES.

THESE COLD TEMPERATURES COULD APPROACH RECORD VALUES FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS, ESPECIALLY ON SATURDAY MORNING, BUT NO WHERE NEAR THE ALL-TIME JANUARY RECORDS WHICH RANGE FROM AROUND 10 DEGREES ACROSS THE FAR NORTH TO THE MID 20S FAR SOUTH. BELOW ARE TABLES OF THE RECORD LOW TEMPERATURES AT SITES AROUND THE AREA FOR JANUARY 15, 16, AND 17, ALONG WITH THE ALL-TIME RECORD LOWS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

RECORDS FOR JANUARY 15:

LOCATION		RECORD LOWS FOR JAN 15	NORMAL LOW	RECORDS BEGAN
ARCADIA	:ARCF1	26 IN 1956	48	1899
ARCHBOLD	:ACHF1	26 IN 1982	46	1969
AVON PARK 2 W	:AVPF1	27 IN 1982	48	1901
BARTOW	:BARF1	26 IN 1948	51	1892
BROOKSVILLE CHIN HILL	:BROF1	21 IN 1982	48	1892
BUSHNELL 2 E	:BSHF1	23 IN 1964	47	1948
CHIEFLAND 5 SE	:CHIF1	16 IN 1964	43	1956
FORT MYERS/PAGE FIELD	:FMY	31 IN 1948	54	1902
INVERNESS 3 SE	:INVF1	23 IN 1964	44	1948
MOUNTAIN LAKE	:LWLF1	25 IN 1982	49	1935
		& 1948		
LAKELAND LINDER FIELD	:LLDF1	28 IN 1982	51	1948
MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK	:MKCF1	26 IN 1964	50	1956
PARRISH	:PARF1	27 IN 1964	49	1957
PLANT CITY	:PLCF1	22 IN 1948	50	1892
PUNTA GORDA 4 ESE	:PNTF1	34 IN 1982	52	1965
SARASOTA-BRADENTON	:SRQ	27 IN 1964	50	1948
ST LEO	:STLF1	23 IN 1964	48	1895
ST PETE/ALBERT WHITTED	:SPG	30 IN 1948	54	1914
TAMPA INTERNATIONAL APT	:TPA	27 IN 1964	52	1890
TARPON SPRINGS	:TRPF1	27 IN 1948	50	1892
VENICE	:VNCF1	30 IN 1981	52	1955
WAUCHULA 2 N	:WAUF1	26 IN 1956	49	1933
		& 1948		
WEEKI WACHEE	:WEEF1	26 IN 1982	45	1969
		& 1973		
WINTER HAVEN	:WHNF1	27 IN 1982	51	1941

RECORDS FOR JANUARY 16:

LOCATION		RECORD LOWS FOR JAN 16	NORMAL LOW	RECORDS BEGAN
ARCADIA	:ARCF1	24 IN 1927	48	1899
ARCHBOLD	:ACHF1	24 IN 1978	46	1969
AVON PARK 2 W	:AVPF1	29 IN 1978	48	1901
BARTOW	:BARF1	25 IN 1978	51	1892
BROOKSVILLE CHIN HILL	:BROF1	22 IN 1927	48	1892
BUSHNELL 2 E	:BSHF1	24 IN 1978	46	1948
CHIEFLAND 5 SE	:CHIF1	23 IN 1978	43	1956
FORT MYERS/PAGE FIELD	:FMY	32 IN 1927	54	1902
INVERNESS 3 SE	:INVF1	28 IN 2003	44	1948
		& 1978		
MOUNTAIN LAKE	:LWLF1	26 IN 1978	49	1935
LAKELAND LINDER FIELD	:LLDF1	30 IN 1982	51	1948
MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK	:MKCF1	28 IN 1964	50	1956
PARRISH	:PARF1	28 IN 1978	49	1957
PLANT CITY	:PLCF1	23 IN 1927	49	1892
PUNTA GORDA 4 ESE	:PNTF1	29 IN 1978	52	1965
SARASOTA-BRADENTON	:SRQ	29 IN 1978	50	1948
ST LEO	:STLF1	22 IN 1927	48	1895
ST PETE/ALBERT WHITTED	:SPG	30 IN 1927	54	1914
TAMPA INTERNATIONAL APT	:TPA	28 IN 1927	52	1890
TARPON SPRINGS	:TRPF1	23 IN 1927	50	1892
VENICE	:VNCF1	32 IN 1978	52	1955
WAUCHULA 2 N	:WAUF1	26 IN 1978	48	1933
WEEKI WACHEE	:WEEF1	25 IN 1978	45	1969
WINTER HAVEN	:WHNF1	30 IN 1982	51	1941

RECORDS FOR JANUARY 17:

LOCATION		RECORD LOWS FOR JAN 17	NORMAL LOW	RECORDS BEGAN
ARCADIA	:ARCF1	28 IN 1971	48	1899
ARCHBOLD	:ACHF1	27 IN 1983	46	1969
AVON PARK 2 W	:AVPF1	31 IN 1992 & 1959	48	1901
BARTOW	:BARF1	28 IN 1982	51	1892
BROOKSVILLE CHIN HILL	:BROF1	26 IN 1959	48	1892
BUSHNELL 2 E	:BSHF1	25 IN 1992 & 1978	46	1948
CHIEFLAND 5 SE	:CHIF1	22 IN 1983	43	1956
FORT MYERS/PAGE FIELD	:FMY	36 IN 1951	54	1902
INVERNESS 3 SE	:INVF1	22 IN 1992	44	1948
MOUNTAIN LAKE	:LWLF1	30 IN 1992, 1968 & 1959	49	1935
LAKELAND LINDER FIELD	:LLDF1	30 IN 1965	51	1948
MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK	:MKCF1	30 IN 1992 & 1983	50	1956
PARRISH	:PARF1	30 IN 1992	49	1957
PLANT CITY	:PLCF1	28 IN 1992, 1968 & 1893	49	1892
PUNTA GORDA 4 ESE	:PNTF1	33 IN 1992	52	1965
SARASOTA-BRADENTON	:SRQ	30 IN 1992	50	1948
ST LEO	:STLF1	27 IN 1977 & 1959	48	1895
ST PETE/ALBERT WHITTED	:SPG	34 IN 1959	54	1914
TAMPA INTERNATIONAL APT	:TPA	29 IN 1893	52	1890
TARPON SPRINGS	:TRPF1	28 IN 1992 & 1893	50	1892
VENICE	:VNCF1	28 IN 1959	52	1955
WAUCHULA 2 N	:WAUF1	29 IN 1983 & 1951	48	1933
WEEKI WACHEE	:WEEF1	26 IN 1978	45	1969
WINTER HAVEN	:WHNF1	31 IN 1983	51	1941

RECORDS FOR JANUARY:

LOCATION		ALL-TIME RECORD LOWS FOR JANUARY	RECORDS BEGAN
ARCADIA	:ARCF1	18 ON 01/12/1982 & 01/13/1981	1899
ARCHBOLD	:ACHF1	13 ON 01/05/2001 & 01/12/1982	1969
AVON PARK 2 W	:AVPF1	18 ON 01/14/1981	1901
BARTOW	:BARF1	18 ON 01/03/1898	1892
BROOKSVILLE CHIN HILL	:BROF1	13 ON 01/21/1985	1892
BUSHNELL 2 E	:BSHF1	12 ON 01/21/1985 & 01/13/1981	1948
CHIEFLAND 5 SE	:CHIF1	9 ON 01/22/1985	1956
FORT MYERS/PAGE FIELD	:FMY	27 ON 01/26/1905	1902
INVERNESS 3 SE	:INVF1	15 ON 01/21/1985	1948
MOUNTAIN LAKE	:LWLF1	16 ON 01/22/1985	1935
LAKELAND LINDER FIELD	:LLDF1	20 ON 01/22/1985 & 01/21/1985	1948
MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK	:MKCF1	18 ON 01/13/1981	1956
PARRISH	:PARF1	18 ON 01/13/1981	1957
PLANT CITY	:PLCF1	15 ON 01/27/1905	1892
PUNTA GORDA 4 ESE	:PNTF1	23 ON 01/12/1982	1965
SARASOTA-BRADENTON	:SRQ	23 ON 01/13/1981 & 01/21/1971	1948
ST LEO	:STLF1	18 ON 01/21/1985	1895
ST PETE/ALBERT WHITTED	:SPG	27 ON 01/21/1985	1914
TAMPA INTERNATIONAL APT	:TPA	21 ON 01/21/1985	1890
TARPON SPRINGS	:TRPF1	19 ON 01/13/1981	1892
VENICE	:VNCF1	23 ON 01/13/1981	1955
WAUCHULA 2 N	:WAUF1	20 ON 01/12/1982	1933
WEEKI WACHEE	:WEEF1	13 ON 01/13/1981	1969
WINTER HAVEN	:WHNF1	19 ON 01/21/1985	1941

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